(b) The cess paid to Government of Karnataka is as under:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Rice	69.19
Maize	73.00

The balance of Rs. 14.96 lakh relates to transaction of July, 2001 and is being paid in August, 2001.

Benefits of Annapoorna and Antyodaya Schemes

2594. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that benefits of Annapoorna and Antyodaya schemes are not reaching at the grassroots;

(b) if so, the reasons for not scrapping these schemes;

(c) whether Government propose to raise monthly PDS allocation;

(d) if so, the quantum thereof; and

(e) by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), which was launched in December, 2000 has so far been implemented in 15 States and 3 Union Territories. At present monthly allocation of 66,837 tonnes of rice and 72,533 tonnes of wheat has been made under AAY for 55,74,675 Antyodaya families identified by the States/UTs. The implementation of Annapurna Scheme, though delayed in some States/UTs, the benefits are reaching the target group wherever it has since been implemented.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Government has increased the monthly allocation of foodgrains for BPL families from 20 kg to 25 kg from July, 2001.

BPL Families in Andhra Pradesh

2595. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified Below Poverty Line families in Andhra Pradesh to be covered under the Antyodaya Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;